GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4225
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2001
TELECOM FACILITIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms for opening of telephone exchange in a village;

(b) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in Tamil Nadu at present and proposed to be set up during 2001-2002, district-wise;

(c) the number of villages in the State where telephone facility is available at present and proposed to be provided;

(d) the time by which said facility is likely to be provided in remaining villages;

(e) whether there are inadequate telephone and telecommunication facilities in rural areas particularly in Sivganga region of Ramnad district;

(f) if so, the reasons therefore;

(g) whether the Government propose to launch a special drive to provide said facilities in the State;

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;

(i) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in the State particularly in each village of Sivganga region at present, district-wise; and

(j) the steps taken by the Government to clear the waiting list?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Opening of a new telephone exchange is considered for a village where a registered demand of 10 or more has come up and it is not possible to meet this demand from an existing exchange of the SDCA.

(b) As on 31.3.2001, there are 1794 telephone exchanges functioning in Tamilnadu Circle. Out of these, 1765 exchanges are in Tamilnadu State and 29 are in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. During 2001-02, it is proposed to set up 35 new telephone exchanges in Tamilnadu Circle. District-wise details are enclosed in Annexure-I.

(c) In Tamilnadu Circle, there are 17,991 inhabited villages including the Union Territory of Pondicherry. Of these, 17,899 villages have been provided with Village Public Telephones as on date. The remaining 92 villages are having ZERO population.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to para (c) above.

(e) No, Sir. The telephone penetration for Ramnad District is 35.47 per thousand population.

(f) to (h): Do not arise in view of reply to (e) above.

(i) There are 1,48,342 persons in the waiting list in Tamilnadu State and the waiting list in Sivganga region is 4,511. District-wise break up of waiting list of Tamilnadu Circle and exchange-wise waiting list details of Sivganga region are given in Annexure-II.

(j) The entire waiting list is proposed to be cleared by 31.3.2002.

ANNEX-I

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES FUNCTIONING IN TAMILNADU AT PRESENT (AS ON 1.4.2001) AND NEW EXCHANGES PROPOSED TO BE SET UP DURING 2001-02.

S.NO	NAME OF DISTRICT	NO. OF EXCHANGES FUNCTIONING AS ON 1.4.2001	NO. OF EXCHANGES PROPOSED TO BE SET UP DURING 2001-02
1	ARIYALUR	17	-
2	COIMBATORE	122	-
3	CUDDALORE	58	1
4	DHARMAPURI	100	3
5	DINDIGUL	62	1
6	ERODE	105	1
7	KANCHEEPURAM	50	3
8	KANYAKUMARI	33	-
9	KARUR	46	-
10	MADURAI	58	1
11	NAGAPATTIINAM	53	-
12	NAMAKKAL	75	2
13	PERAMBALUR	26	4
14	PUDUKOTTAI	53	3
15	RAMANATHAPURAM	51	-
16	SALEM	139	1
17	SIVGANGA	48	1
18	THANJAVUR	68	2
19	THE NILGIRIS	35	-
20	THENI	22	-
21	THIRUVARUR	34	-
22	TIRUNELVELI	77	-
23	TIRUVANNAMALAI	51	3
24	TIRUVELLOR	47	-
25	TRICHY	76	-
26	TUTICORIN	63	3
27	VELLORE	85	2
28	VILLUPURAM	65	3
29	VIRUDHUNAGAR	46	1
	TOTAL TAMILNADU STATE	1765	35
30	PONDICHERRY	29	-
	TOTAL TAMILNADU CIRCLE	1794	35

ANNEX-II

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHOPNE CONNECTIONS IN TAMILNADU STATE AND EXCHANGE-WISE WAITING LIST FOR SIVGANGA REGION(SDCA.)

WAITING LIST DETAILS OF TAMILNADU STATE

S.NO	NAME OF DISTRICT	WAITING LIST
1	ARIYALUR	1602
2	COIMBATORE	28627
3	CUDDALORE	2972
4	DHARMAPURI	3196
5	DIINDIGUL	6566
6	ERODE	2563
7	KANCHEEPURAM	7422
8	KANYAKUMARI	9877
9	KARUR	2780
10	MADURAI	5525
11	NAGAPATTIINAM	6365

12 NAMAKKAL 2360
13 PERAMBALUR 2180
14 PUDUKOTTAI 3581
15 RAMANATHAPURAM 2770
16 SALEM 3392
17 SIVGANGA 4511
18 THANJAVUR 7861
19 THE NILGIRIS 2206
20 THENI 168
21 THIRUVARUR 3021
22 TIRUNELVELI 1981
23 TIRUVANNAMALAI 4771
24 TIRUVELLOR 3972
25 TRICHY 2366
26 TUTICORIN 1940
27 VELLORE 11272
28 VILLUPURAM 8160
29 VIRUDHUNAGAR 4335

TOTAL TAMILNADU STATE 148342

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WAITING LIST DETAILS OF SIVGANGA REGION (SDCA):

Sl.NO NAME OF EXCHANGE WAITING LIST AS ON 31.3.2001

1 IDAYAMELUR 110
2 MADAGUTHALLI 0
3 MARAVAMANGALAM 45
4 NATTARASANKOTTAI 10
5 PADAMATHUR 122
6 PAGANERI 115
7 SATHARASANKOTTAI 0
8 KALAYARKOILA 0
9 OKKUR 0
10 SIVGANGA 0

TOTAL 402